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For: CUTTER UNIT OF STAPLER)	

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Sir:

SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

In response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2007 in the above-identified application, the substitute specification submitted herewith is presented in order to correct errors pointed out in the Office Action.

No prohibited new matter has been added by way of this substitute specification. Entry and consideration of the substitute specification is respectfully requested.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This

paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

If the Examiner has any further questions relating to this Reply or to the application in general, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone so that allowance of the present application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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